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CORE PURPOSE:

To Enhance the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

Women in Construction (WIC)

NAWIC is a national organization which is marking its 11th Anniversary of the annual WIC Week celebration. NAWIC's goal is 100% participation from every chapter, thereby enabling us to be heard loud and clear across the country the first week of March (March 1st—8th).

This year, the Puget Sound Chapter of NAWIC is celebrating WIC Week by a media blitz campaign to gain participation and sponsorships for our May 10th Women Build event, in cooperation with the East King County Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. We plan to gather women from all construction oriented organizations to work side by side on this One-Day Women Build event. A training session will also be required to ensure that we are safe and we know how to perform the tasks needed.

In addition, we will do informational mailings about NAWIC to spread knowledge of our philosophy and influence to the construction industry.

WIC Week is typically a week-long celebration of the existence and successes of all women in construction. Past local Puget Sound chapter activities included a benefit concert to raise funds and awareness for victims of the Winter 2006 storms in Western Washington; obtaining formal proclamations from Governor Christine Gregoire, King County Executive Ron Sims, and Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels; touring a local construction site; and distributing a flyer celebrating local NAWIC leaders.

Please join us in helping to celebrate Women in Construction Week!



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Upcoming Meetings



On Monday, March 10th, NAWIC will host *Construction Safety: One Fall Is All It Takes*, presented by Traci Tenhulzen, President of Safety Resource Management and Consulting. The meeting will be located at MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions' office at 7707 Detroit Avenue Southwest, Seattle, WA 98106.

This event is open to guests. Please RSVP by noon on March 7th at www.nawicpugetsound.org or contact Nicole Lamanna at 425-289-1774 or via e-mail at nicolel@fergusonconstruction.com

On Monday, April 14, 2008, NAWIC will have Juli Bacon do a presentation on *Human Resources Update* at RTC's Construction Center of Excellence in Renton.

Construction Safety

February Highlights

By Jim West

Eye Safety

When I do the new employee orientation we talk about hobbies, things we do outside of work. Often the Mariners, Seahawks, hunting and fishing come up in the conversation. At the Snoqualmie Casino they recommend people bring pictures of family members and put it up on a bulletin board, to show why they want to be safe. The goal of all safety personnel is to have you go home the same way you came to work, so that you can enjoy those things that are important to you. Enjoying a good movie, ball game, new grandkids or other event, your eyesight is essential. We try our best to protect that eyesight by providing, and requiring safety glasses for all workers. Like most General Contractors now, MacDonald Miller goes above the minimum safety requirements, and asks everyone to wear eye protection not just when you are performing a task, but whenever on the job. This week's calendar dramatically shows what you can lose by not protecting your eyesight.

In 2007, MacDonald Miller had more eye injuries than the last 4 years. One group specifically that has a high exposure to eye injuries, but has done an outstanding job of reducing eye injuries is *our sheet metal shop*. Anyone visiting the shop will see the signs that require eye protection, and if you forget, someone will remind you. That is the type of safety culture our company is trying to build. Having the courage to say something to protect a co-

worker is essential to a successful safety program. We all need to be reminded every once in a while. And congratulations to those leaders in the shop who go the extra mile to provide a safe workplace. I hope all our programs will adopt something similar to help keep everyone going home the same way they came to work.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that nearly 3 out of every 5 workers injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident or the wrong kind of eye protection for the job. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards require that employers provide workers with suitable eye protection. To be effective, the eyewear must be of the appropriate type for the hazard encountered and properly fitted. It is estimated that 90% of eye injuries can be prevented through the use of proper protective eyewear on the job.

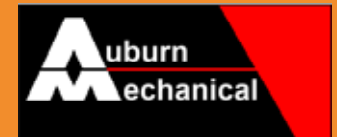
Two Construction Fatalities in Washington State in February

02-23-08 Trench Fatality- Worker dead after trench collapse in Pasco <<http://ml.e.net/c/?72661345-2gcTInuLYVQAA%403141704-f1gQA0e/sHwll>> (a recently retired construction engineer who stayed around to finish a couple of projects has died in a trench collapse - according to autopsy results issued the 65-year-old worker was buried in about 3' of wet sand - by the time a co-worker got his head and mouth uncov-

ered, he had stopped breathing - he was standing on the edge of a trench 12' deep when the sides collapsed - he retired last month and was working as a contract employee to finish a couple of projects - a retirement party had been planned that week)

02-21-08 Construction worker killed on Puyallup job site (by Ian Demsky ian.demsky@thenewstribune.com) - A Puyallup construction worker was killed Thursday afternoon when he was pinned between a lift he was riding in and a metal beam, police said. David Rozario, 39, of Puyallup, was helping to build a warehouse in the 1600 block of Industrial Parkway. The medical examiner's office had not yet ruled on a cause and manner of death Thursday evening. Puyallup police secured the scene, but will be turning their investigation over to the state Department of Labor and Industries, said spokeswoman Lorri Ericson.

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